

DETAILED ACTION

Rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph is withdrawn in view of applicants amendment. Applicant has amended the specification to more precisely claim the process at hand.

Upon further consideration, rejection of claims 1, 2 and 8-18 as indefinite for failing to provide a limiting definition of the term "inert solvent" is also withdrawn. Specification describes the said term with enough specificity to allow one of ordinary skill in the art practice the invention and be aware of where the meets and bounds of the invention are.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas M. Cunningham on 5/2/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following text has been added to page 21, line 21 of the specification:

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES"

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Closest art is 2,229,897. Closest art fails to teach use of additional inert solvent to control the viscosity of the mixture. Applicant has shown the critical role of the inert solvent in the comparative example found in the specification.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yevgeny Valenrod whose telephone number is 571-272-9049. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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